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Resolutions Adopted
By The
National Negro Educational Congress
At
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
CAPTAIN TAYLOR'S PLAN ADOPTED

Resolved, That we reaffirm the declaration of principles which we made at our meeting in the city of St. Louis, and respectfully request the newspaper press of the country to publish this declaration for the benefit of the people thereof.

Resolved, That we call the attention of our people to the importance of thorough preparation along all lines which will enable them to the satisfaction of the most exacting of other races, to perform all the duties of citizenship; that we must in all matters of a social character insist upon drawing a line of demarcation between those members of our race who are moral and law-abiding and those who are immoral and lawless.

Resolved, That we urge upon our leaders in all professions the importance of teaching our people that we cannot rise to a place that will command the respect of the world without thrift, education, economy, cleanliness of body, mind and heart; and strict observance of the laws of health.

Resolved, That we emphasize the importance of adopting our own race ideals, that we point our children with pride to the lives and deeds of our great men and women, and seize every opportunity to make it manifest to other races that like them we have race pride and purpose to the best of our ability to struggle side by side with them to accomplish the best results for our common country.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to His Excellency, Governor Lee Cruce, for his friendly attitude to the Negro race, and for the policy which he has adopted of extending in all matters even and exact justice to all citizens of the commonwealth over which he presides regardless of race or color.

Resolved, That we thank the members of all professions, the churches, the schools, the newspapers and the people in general of Oklahoma City for their co-operation in our efforts to make this congress a credit to our race.

Resolved, That we extend our thanks to the Chamber of Commerce and the local committee headed by Prof. J. H. A. Brazelton for the pains which they have taken to provide for our entertainment and to minister to our pleasure by making it possible for us to ride to all parts of their magnificent city.

Resolved, That we thank President Inman E. Page of the C. A. and N. University and the band and orchestra of this institution under the leadership of Mrs. Zella N. Breaux for the excellent music which they have furnished this congress, and for the sacrifice they have made in rendering this service; also the Randolph band of Oklahoma City, and all others who furnished music for this occasion.

Resolved, That we hereby extend our thanks to President J. Silas Harris and those associated with him for the able manner in which they have conducted the business of their respective offices, and for their efforts to make this congress a potential instrument in the work of the uplift of the Negro race.

Resolved, That we commend the plan of Capt. Charles Taylor for the penning of the ex-slaves to the favorable consideration of the public.

INMAN E. PAGE,
Chairman Committee on Resolutions.

MASONIC.

The Moberly Grand Lodge session was great in every sense of the word. The annual address of Grand Master Chase was not only brilliant, but was a Masonic paper, which will take kindred rank with anything of the kind ever emanating from our race. It started a spirit of enthusiasm which did not end with the meeting, but which will last during the whole year in adding spirit and zeal to the work of the brethren.

With anything like ordinary good fortune this should be a great year for Masonry in Missouri. For the first time in many years the Grand Lodge is actually free from financial debt and all claims for the year have been discharged. The Masonic Home is in fine condition, most of the lodges are prosperous and a happy growth is noticeable in every way.

The adoption of the Burial Fund feature is sure to meet with general approval and is simply another step toward that system which exemplifies the real purposes of free-Masonry.

By next year the fraternity will be anxious to increase the benefits from the new fund and a corresponding increase in dues will meet with no objections. Grand Master Chase has a following that is absolutely united and the success of his leadership is assured already.

HERKIFORD.

DR. SMITH'S AUTO PARTY.

Last Wednesday night Dr. Theodore Smith, the popular Eighteenth street druggist, entertained the following "bunch of peaches" with an automobile party: The Misses Lillian Schweich, Fannie Nichols, Dulciana Barker, Ethelyn Wilson, Beldie Jackson, Edna Herndon and Annabel Montgomery.

LEST WE FORGET.

It was in August that our own Samuel Coleridge Taylor passed away from this terrestrial globe. A great evidence of art's immortality is that this Negro's music is being more highly appreciated by his race every day. There is seldom a concert of any note which does not number one of the great composer's selections. Oh Heaven! Grant that this people may span the full length of its musical possibilities and realize how generously and God-inspired are the musical geniuses of the race. The poet has added a verse to the poem below and regives it to the public lest we forget.

SAMUEL COLERIDGE TAYLOR.
By Charles A. Starks.

Oh thou in whose soul the lofty strain did blend
With music's deeper sense and art,
Colored thy whole life 'till the untimely end
Brought the stern enemy to sever us apart.
But thy memory must ever live in Ethiopia's heart,
Live in Hilaria's rich and plaintive strains,
Or lament by Babylon's waters where darts
The happiest visions of thy soul's sweet plains.

The symphonies of thy soul did ever blend
From music's richest and ennobling lore
And thy sweet song was one continuous ring,
Happily sustained by an exhaustless store.
With thee it was our delight to soar
To heights attained only by thy note,
Beholding the Heavenly, which we adore,
As you wafted us there to dream and float.

Thy voices e'er came from that divine spring
Which means much more than tinkling sound,
Thy spirit imbued with an immortal ring,
Thy encompassing genius knew no bound.
How have the liquid notes rushed around?
Or some mighty volume reached its height,
Great art in every piece is found
And grandeur and beauty are given light.

Then Taylor, the world must love thy name
As they love the music which made thee great
And Africa, thy land, rises with thy fame:
Lifted on the wings of eternal fate,
Thy genius so enriched was a power innate
And luxuriant with beauties undefined.
But thy voice was e'er tuned to a harmonious state
Which expressed the soul though to admiring mind.

LADIES CHAMBER ENTERTAINMENT.
The Ladies' Chamber, composed of the P. M. N. G. of the Household of Ruth, G. U. O. F., gave a reception in honor of the thirty-two grand officers of the Grand Lodge and the Grand H. H. of R., August 5th, at the residence of Mrs. Scottie Dickens, 1729 Woodland avenue. The Chamber was highly honored by the presence of D. P. M. N. G.'s, Mrs. Watkins of Indiana; Mrs. Cora Yeager of Kansas; Mrs. Belle Compton, District Grand Most Noble Governor, Mrs. Louella Bass of Missouri. The Odd Fellows choir rendered some very excellent music, and everyone enjoyed the occasion very much.

MRS. M. GOOCH, President.
MRS. BURCH, Secretary.
MISS M. J. CANTERBURY, Chairman.

VICTIM OF SHOOTING AFFAIR IMPROVING.

Mrs. Nora Reynolds Vernon, who was shot by her husband, Samuel Vernon, while she was attending her duties as waitress in the Delmonico Cafe, is reported improving at this time. The authorities at the Wheatley Provident hospital report that she is now able to sit up. Vernon was carried to the police headquarters Wednesday, where he is held pending the outcome of his wife's injuries.

VINE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.
Sister Gertrude Tibbs is somewhat better. Sister Nora Rhodes has been very sick, but is much better at this writing. The funeral of Brother Monroe Johnson was indeed sad. He was buried by the K. of P. E. & W. H. We extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathies. Brother Johnson was a Christian gentleman and was loyal to his God and to his church. Let us strive to meet him in that Land of Rest, where parting will be no more. Morning and evening services were well attended Sunday. It was our rally day, and the two clubs did well. Queen of Sheba Club proved to be the queen indeed, by raising the largest amount of money. This club raised over \$54, so they stand ahead in the column. Sister Samantha Walker is the queen. The Cansanites Club raised \$48, and over, so they will please lift their hats to the queen's club. Brother James Graham is president of the Cansanites.

United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of Mysterious Ten Meet in Keokuk, Iowa.

GET OFFICIAL WELCOME
At Public Meeting Mayor Extends Greetings as Do Various Fraternal Bodies

Keokuk, Ia., Aug. 18.—The second day of the convention of the United Brothers of Friendship and the Sisters of the Mysterious Ten, opened with meetings of both of these lodges in their respective halls. The United Brothers are meeting in the court room of the Lee County court house, and the Mysterious Sisters are holding their sessions in Woodman hall. Today marked the opening sessions of both of these lodges. Dr. J. T. Caston, grand master, and Princess Ida L. Garnett, presided at the meetings.

The first public meeting was held at 2:30 o'clock. This meeting was open to everyone, and was addressed by various speakers who expressed their pleasure at being able to welcome the grand lodges to Keokuk. The speakers represented the various commercial and fraternal orders of the city, both white and colored.

There are something like one thousand delegates in Keokuk for this convention. They have taken the city by storm. Through the efforts of various committees, arrangements for caring for the delegates have been made, and visitors to Keokuk this week will be royally entertained.

All of the delegates are wearing their various official insignia, and the badges present a fine appearance with their various designs and legends in gold on velvet backgrounds.

Last night in Woodman hall the delegates and their friends were entertained with a fine musical program which was prepared by local talent. It included a good program of both vocal and instrumental music, and several readings. The big feature of the sessions tomorrow will be the trip over the power house and dam. This trip will be taken under the supervision of the power company's officials and guides, and will be one of the very interesting features of the week's sessions.

MEETINGS THIS MORNING.
The Grand Lodge of United Brothers of Friendship and the Grand Temple of the Sisters of the Mysterious Ten, which is a subordinate organization of women, met in their annual session this morning at ten o'clock. The grand lodge is holding its sessions at the court house, presided over by the grand master, Dr. J. F. Caston of St. Louis, Mo.

The grand temple sessions are being held in the old Gibbon's opera house, corner Sixth and Main streets, presided over by the grand princess, Mrs. Ida L. Garnett of Macon, Mo. The two organizations have a membership of nearly twenty thousand and are growing annually. The jurisdiction comprises Missouri, Kansas, Iowa and Nebraska. They do a fraternal insurance business and are incorporated under the laws of the state of Missouri and through their beneficiary department they collect and pay out fifty thousand dollars annually. The sessions this morning were devoted mainly to the appointment of committees and the exchanging of greetings between the two bodies and other preliminaries. It is estimated that there are between 800 and 1,000 delegates in attendance, which includes the leading men and women of the race. The organization owns a printing plant and newspaper at Sedalia and a forty-acre farm at Hannibal, Mo., upon which is located an orphan's home.

At 2:30 this afternoon a joint session of all the lodges was held, the meeting being open to the public, when those in attendance at the convention were welcomed to the city by speakers representing various fraternal and commercial organizations. Responses were made by the grand master and other officers of the organization.

One of the chief addresses of the afternoon was that made by Mayor S. W. Moorhead who extended to the visitors a hearty welcome on behalf of the city.

We are gratified to know through reliable authority that Mrs. W. G. Moseley, who suffered a sudden relapse while in Colorado last week, is quite better, and able to take the train homeward bound. Her husband, Mr. Willis G. Moseley, was called from the Masonic grand lodge to his wife's bedside, and has signified his intention of bringing her home immediately.

A dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. James H. Crews, Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock in honor of Mrs. Julia Howell Ridley, of Chicago. Those present were Mrs. Susie Montgomery and daughter, Miss Annabelle Montgomery, Kansas City, Kansas; Charles D. Frazier, Grand Canyon, Colo.; Mr. Edward Rose, Miss Laura Carr, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris, Mrs. T. B. Watkins and Mrs. Julia Howell Ridley.

THE GRAND LODGE.

The 48th annual communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. A. M. of Missouri and Jurisdiction has passed into history. It was undoubtedly the greatest communication ever held, and certain facts, tendencies and principles stand out very conspicuously indeed. One set of conspicuously prominent facts relates to the personalities of individual members of the Grand Lodge itself. The other set relates to the power and influence of the Grand Lodge itself. Some of the most conspicuous facts relating to influence of individuals cluster around the aggressive and dominating personality of the Grand Master himself. Never was the personal influence of one man, in directing and controlling the proceedings of a deliberative body, so plainly in evidence, or so dominantly felt, as was true in the case of Grand Master Crews. A demonstration such as has never before been witnessed in the Grand Lodge, followed the reading of his annual address; and if Deputy Young had not summarily squelched debate, the flow of fervid praise, and well merited encomium would still be going on at this time. It is only fair and true to say that Grand Master Crews is the most masterful presiding officer the Grand Lodge has ever had. Among the other facts evident and conspicuous concerning individuals are the following: 1. That Joe E. Herriford is the ablest authority on Masonic procedure in the jurisdiction. 2. That Dr. M. O. Ricketts possesses an essentially legal mind, and is a profound student of Masonic jurisprudence. 3. That the high class business administration of R. T. Cole is largely responsible for the present excellent status. 4. That the steady moral force of A. R. Chinn is one of the chief assets of the Grand Lodge. 5. That Geo. W. K. Love is one hundred per cent efficiency as Grand Secretary. 6. That Vaughan of St. Louis caused the boys to sit up and take notice. 7. That I. H. Bradbury has lost none of his fire and vigor. 8. That W. H. Dawley brings to the office of his Grand Registrar a fidelity and an intelligence seldom seen.

Speaking of the power and influence of the Grand Lodge itself, I can best quote from a book on the race question just published by a white man. The closing sentence of that book refers to the future status of the Negro in America. It says: "Apart from the sympathy and occasional helping hand of his white brother, he must indeed tread the wine press alone." That program "treading the wine press alone" just suits us; which fact constituted the very spirit and essence of the atmosphere hovering around and in the Grand Lodge. Through that body and others, the Negro is arriving at that self-consciousness which is to be the salvation of the race. We realize that we must build a civilization within a civilization and we are doing so. We seek to change none of the landmarks of Masonry, but we are developing Masonic principles along the lines of our native genius and character, and the result apparently will be a new and high aspect of civilization. Every Negro who attended the 48th communication of our Grand Lodge was edified—he felt the subtle influence of new racial power, and he knew that a new level of development had been achieved. A moral wave swept over this communication like a hurricane of fire, resulting in the creation of an atmosphere; and from that atmosphere there can never be any letting down. And so the 48th communication of the Grand Lodge A. F. A. M. of Missouri and its jurisdiction made history—it made history for the race, and it erected a new kingdom of racial hope in the heart and life of every individual who was in attendance.

Wm. E. Griffin

TONGANOXIE, KANSAS.

Mr. Irwin Smith of Bonner Springs will spend a few weeks at Hoge, Kas. Mr. Port Williams of Parkville, Mo., was a visitor here Thursday. Mr. Mat. Wilson and Mr. Wallace Matthews attended church here Sunday. Mr. Will Reynolds has returned home from Kansas City, Mo. Miss Lurell Newby visited relatives at Hoge, Thursday. Mr. Aaron Harvey, Miss Emma Roffel, Mrs. N. Roffel and a number from Reno visited here Sunday. Miss Genevieve Collins of Leavenworth is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Caldwell, Jr., Willis Nelson, Jr. visited Theodore Baker Friday and Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. H. Ousley were called to Kansas City, Mo., on account of the death of their daughter, Mrs. Mary Sharon. Miss Mary Lee Brown of Kansas City, Kas., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Chas. Grant. Mr. Ben Matthews and a number of young people attended the picnic at Leavenworth Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Jarrett and Miss Edith Carper will leave for Ellsworth, Kas., Wednesday to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Jarrett's sister. Miss Annie Hildebrandt visited at Lawrence Sunday. Rev. Smith of Kansas City, Kas., preached at the First Baptist church on last Sunday. Mrs. Z. E. Nelson and daughter, Stella Mae, visited Mrs. Lee Baker, Hoge, Thursday. Louis Nelson attended the party in honor of Miss Addie Brown at Reno Saturday.

Miss C. M. Lanier, who has been visiting Mrs. Nellie E. Young, 3412 East 21st street, has returned to her home in Beaumont, Texas, where she is one of the city teachers.

Kansas City Victorious
In Tennis Tournament

St. Louisans Fail to Back Up Their Slogan, "Beat Kansas City"

MEN ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

The Kansas City Tennis Club has upheld the tradition that Kansas Cityans believe they can do anything just a little better than the other fellow. Armed to the teeth with scientific tactics designed to cover completely their opponents with defeat, the Kansas City boys arrived in St. Louis last Sunday evening, and pitched camp ever night. Bright and early Monday morning, a skirmish began, which resulted in temporary victory for the Smoky City people. Telegram that day read: Score one-two, favor

Mrs. B. F. Wilson, sugar 25cents, new strainer, 15 cents, Mrs. H. H. McClure, gas fixtures and globes for seven rooms, 16 sash curtains, 12 pictures and 1 washstand. Mrs. W. F. Fairfax, wash bowl and pitcher. Mrs. W. Hubbell, 1 iron bed and springs and 1 rocking chair. Board of Pub. Welfare, 500 bills. Mr. C. W. Franklin, printing. Mrs. Lena Rone, 2 lemonade glasses. Mrs. C. H. Smith, tin cup and soap dish. Mr. C. H. Smith, kitchen table. Miss Ida Overall, one-half peck apples. Friend, salt and pepper cruetts and cream pitcher.

Personal Service.

Mr. O. J. Hill, president of the Federation of Colored Charities, gave his time and the use of his motor car to



St. Louis. Haven't turned hounds loose yet.

Tuesday morning developed the fact that the home team had placed their antagonists with the utmost accuracy, for the telegram that day announced: Score 3-2, favor Kansas City. The hounds are loosed—Carroll.

Wednesday it rained, but the game went on just the same. Our boys were undaunted, and went in for another victory, which was announced in a laconic telegram, received on the 19th: Kansas City won—Carroll.

The Plays.

First day: 1st, H. M. Smith vs. Mr. Moore, St. Louis' game. 2nd, Junior Jenkins vs. Mr. Wilson, St. Louis' game. 3rd, Felix Payne vs. Mr. Kent, Kansas City's game. 2-1 St. Louis.

Second day: 1st, Westmoreland and Cook (K. C.) vs. Wilson and Grady, Kansas City's game. 2nd match, Page and McCampbell (K. C.) vs. Moseby and Giles (St. Louis), Kansas City's game. 3rd, Payne and Jenkins (K. C.) vs. Moore and Franklin (St. Louis), game to Kansas City. 3-0, Kansas City.

Third day. Rain prevented the first match started by G. A. Page of Kansas City and Mr. Giles. Later in the day C. A. Westmoreland worked in singles with Mr. Grady, with results favorable to Kansas City.

The men reported a royal time, being treated very, very cordial. On Thursday night Captain Carroll's men were tendered a reception. The men returned home this morning.

THE SOUTH SIDE DAY NURSERY.

An appeal is hereby made to our people in the interest of this nursery. It can be made a great factor in directing our young people in habits of usefulness. But it will require the support of the community to do this.

See how the children spend their idle time. And then think how much better this is than to be idling away time and learning what is taught in the streets.

After each meal which is always wholesome and appetizing, part of the larger girls clear off the table, sweep and dust their dining room, and put the chairs in order. Meanwhile others are washing the dishes and putting them away under the supervision of the matron.

Then they remove their aprons and sit down to read stories, to play instructive games, or to take lessons in basketry at the hands of Miss Della Boaz.

One can readily see that if some provisions were made for the amusement of the smaller children, all would be greatly benefited. Who will donate a load of sand? Who will provide a swing? and who will see that there are seats in the back yard?

Cash Donations.
Friend,.....\$16.15
Mrs. H. H. McClure (from ball game),.....10.00
Mr. D. I. Hunt,.....3.00
Cash,.....3.00
Mr. H. Hillman,.....3.00
Mr. T. B. Stewart,.....2.50
Mrs. H. B. Green,.....1.00
Dr. H. M. Smith,......50
Total,.....\$36.45

Other Donations.
Jones Soap Co., glycerine,.....\$ 4.00
Hunt Realty Co., wall paper,.....3.15
H. Hillman, wall paper and hangings,.....3.10
Peet Bros. Soap Mfg. Co., 100 bars laundry soap,.....1.25
Brannetter Wall Paper Co., wall paper,.....1.25
C. W. Porter, house cleaning and painting,.....2.00
L. Williams, raffia, reeds and needles,.....1.43
Three story books,......75
Interlocking building blocks,.....1.00

STATEMENT OF FACTS BY THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE WESTERN COLLEGE.

Submitted by Dr. J. H. Garnett, President.

The Board of Managers of the Western College and Industrial Institution located at Macon, Missouri, desires to make the following statement of facts to its friends, concerning its purchase and ownership of the property located at 23rd street and Jackson avenue, Kansas City, Mo.

For the past twenty years the college has been located at Macon, Mo., and during its existence there, we are proud to say, has accomplished a great work of education for the ambitious youth of our race. As a result we have men and women in many useful walks of life, and some missionaries in the foreign field. It has been the wish of the managers of the institution for a number of years to locate our college at some place where we could be in close touch with a larger Negro population than it is possible for us to reach at Macon, Mo., and also to locate our school where indigent students might find opportunities of support while endeavoring to educate themselves.

Kansas City appealed to us especially as being the center of the territory from which we draw much of our support, also because of the 30,000 Negroes located in and adjacent to Kansas City. We have investigated several locations in and about Kansas City, and finally the location at 23rd and Jackson was suggested to us by those who posed as our friends, and negotiations were entered into which led up to our purchase of this property at the sum of \$25,000. It is a tract of ten acres of land situated at the southwest corner of 23rd street and Jackson avenue, and has located upon it a big stone residence building which can be used for our purpose and other buildings which can be utilized.

We desire to say that this property had never been proposed to us by anyone prior to the beginning of the negotiations which were consummated in our purchase of this property, and we purchased same without any suggestions that there would be any opposition to our location in this district. The property is located, as can be demonstrated, by investigation, in an unimproved territory. At the time we purchased this property, there was not a sidewalk or improved street south of 31st and east of Indiana avenue, with the exception of one sidewalk. Within about three blocks of this location there is now located a colored public school and a settlement of fifty to seventy Negro families. Immediately surrounding the location are a few unpresentable homes occupied by white people, but none of them so expensive that we cannot find ready purchasers for them at their actual worth, among our people.

After looking the situation over we were impressed that this was a place where we could locate with as little opposition from the white people as any place in Kansas City. Without arguing the right or wrong of the matter, we are conscious of course that it would be difficult for us to locate anywhere without arousing some opposition from the white people. But, we are confronted with the all-important fact to us, that we are here and we are entitled to at least an opportunity to make the best of our condition and we ask from the white people their co-operation in securing for us the opportunity of doing what we can for the elevation and betterment of our race.

When it became known that this property was to be used as a site for the Western College, a Negro school, considerable opposition was manifested in the neighborhood by residents and land-owners owning land adjacent to our location. An effort was made to have the Park Board condemn the property for park purposes. This petition was rejected by the Park Board and matters were left to stand in statu quo. When it became manifest that we would not be able to occupy this property without opposition, we at once assured those opposing us that it was not our disposition to intrude ourselves upon any community where we were not wanted, and we realized that our greatest asset was the friendship of the white people, and we were willing to allow our plans to be defeated to suit their desires if the same could be done without absolute ruin to ourselves.

We expressed our willingness to postpone our plans of locating here, and offered to sell the property at exactly what it cost us. That offer has been made all along and stands good today, but no substantial attempt has been made on the part of anyone to purchase our ground.

We submit to the sense of fairness of the white people, that it is not right to ask us to sacrifice the money that we have now invested in this property. We are not able to hold the property in its present unproductive condition, and unless it is disposed of at once, we will be compelled, for our own protection, to take possession of the property and use it for the purpose we had intended.

Before we do this, we desire to place before the white people of Kansas City, who we believe will look upon favor upon our efforts to help ourselves and benefit our race, a statement of the facts as we desire that our white friends shall understand fully and completely the facts with reference to this location.